Impact of SEZs

171. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the impact of SEZs on industrial growth rate in the country, during the last three years, and what is the expected impact during the ensuing three years; and

(b) how Government propose to justify revenue losses due to concessions being given to SEZs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The setting up of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) is expected to provide an impetus to the industrial growth in the country. It is, however, not feasible to quantify its impact on the rate of industrial growth.

(b) In addition to providing boost to the economic activity in the country, the establishment of SEZs is expected to bring in fresh investments including Foreign Direct Investments besides providing employment to a large number of people. This justifies the concessions given to SEZs.

Implementation of National Manufacturing Plan

172. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has asked for Rs. 956 crore for implementing the National Manufacturing Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how far will this help in the creation of cumulative expansion for manufacturing and gainful employment especially in the backward regions of the country like Orissa, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand etc., to improve their economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (b) Ministry of Small Scale Industry has initiated the process of finalising schemes including obtaining financial